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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/656,242 )  
Filed: September 8, 2003 )  
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD )  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE )  
SAME, PERPENDICULAR )  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :  
MAGNETIC RECORDING/ )  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS :  
AND INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS : April 7, 2004

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Group Art Unit: 1773

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

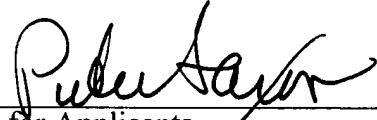
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents have not been enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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